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SUBJ: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTATION

REF: A) STATE 177789; B) MEXICO A-55, JANUARY 28, 1972

1. UNDER MEXICO'S FEDERAL LAW OF FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 26, 1972 (REPORTED REF B), THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IS CHARGED WITH CONTROL OF MANUFACTURING, TRANSPORTATION, IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION, AND SALE OF ARMS, AMMUNITION AND RELATED MATERIALS. REGULATION OF THE LAW EFFECTIVE JUNE 5, 1972 ESTABLISHES FEDERAL ARMS REGISTER AND SPELLS OUT IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES OF LAW. SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIREARMS CONTROLS. INTERIOR HAS SOME RESPONSIBILITIES AS WELL.

2. MEXICO REQUIRES IMPORT LICENSE, ISSUED BY DEFENSE. DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE MUST AUDIT COMMERCIAL IMPORTS BEFORE THEY CAN BE RELEASED FROM CUSTOMS. INDIVIDUALS NEED SPECIAL PERMITS FOR IMPORT OF ARMS PURCHASED ABROAD. ILLEGAL IMPORTS ARE SANCTIONED BY 1 TO 15 YR. PRISON TERM AND A FINE OF 100 TO 100,000 PESOS. FINANCE DECREE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 5, 1975 SETS 500-PESO FEE FOR BOTH ORDINARY AND SPECIAL IMPORT LICENSES, AND FEES FROM 100 TO 400 PESOS DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF FIREARM FOR SPECIAL PERMITS.

3. ALL FIREARMS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH DEFENSE. THERE ARE NUMEROUS RESTRICTIONS ON THE TYPES WHICH CAN BE HELD PRIVATELY.

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IF KEPT IN THE HOME, THEY MUST BE REGISTERED WITHIN 30

DAYS OF ACQUISITION; ANY LOSS, ROBBERY, ALTERATION, ETC.  
MUST BE REPORTED. ADDITIONAL LICENSES ARE REQUIRED TO  
CARRY A GUN OUTSIDE ONE'S HOME. SPECIAL PERMISSION IS REQUIRED  
TO OWN MORE THAN ONE FIREARM. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS,  
FACTORIES ETC. ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT IN DETAIL ACTIVITIES TO  
DEFENSE ON MONTHLY BASIS. DEALERS SELLING FIREARMS  
TO INDIVIDUALS MUST IDENTIFY BUYER, OBTAIN PERSONAL DATA, AND  
FINGERPRINTS, NOTE DETAILS OF THE TRANSACTION, GIVE BUYER A  
COPY OF THE DOCUMENT AND REMIT THE ORIGINAL TO DEFENSE WITHIN 24  
HOURS OF THE TRANSACTION.

4. COPY OF MEXICAN LAWS BEING POUCHED.  
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